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For : CONJUGATED LIGANDS FOR THE STIMULATION OF BLOOD
CELL PROLIFERATION BY EFFECTING DIMERIZATION OF
THE RECEPTOR FOR STEM CELL FACTOR

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 26, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Final Office Action issued August 26, 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 26, 2003 Final Office Action was due November 26, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to respond. The fee for a two month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$420.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a two month extension of time a response is now due January 26, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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